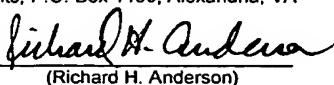
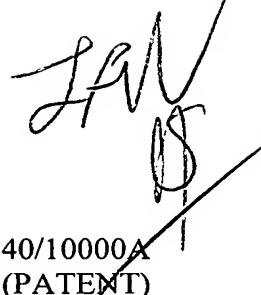


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits and responsive to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment dated 11/15/2004 (copy attached), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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